

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/566,719
Response filed September 18, 2008
Reply to OA dated June 18, 2008

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-20 are pending in this application as of entry of the amendment in the Response of August 18, 2008.

Telephone Interview

Applicant's agent, Daniel Geselowitz, conducted a telephone interview with Examiners Megan McCulley and Mark Eashoo on August 27, 2008. In the telephone interview, Applicant's agent reviewed the basis for the claim amendments of August 18, 2008, and discussed Applicant's argument that the amendment to claim 1 overcomes the stated rejection of claims 1, 2 and 4-17. The Examiners agreed that the amendment overcomes the rejection as stated, but indicated that the amendment would require an additional search.

Applicant's agent also discussed briefly discussed the scope of new claim 18.

Reconsideration of the outstanding rejection is again respectfully requested in view of the arguments presented in the Response under 37 CFR 1.116 dated August 18, 2008.


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If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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